

# THE ESTANCIA NEWS

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## The "Snowfall Bulletin"

The "Snowfall Bulletin" of the New Mexico section of the weather bureau just out gives very encouraging reports of the snowfall in various parts of the state, correspondents all agreeing that the outlook for moisture is better than for several years.

Torrance is the only station in this county reporting.

The bulletin summarizes as follows:

October was a wet month, with fully twice the normal precipitation, and an average of 3.9 inches of snowfall; November, a cold, dry month, with light precipitation, mostly snow, averaging 4.1 inches, and December a very cold month, with nearly normal precipitation and 9.0 inches average snowfall. This gives a total of 17.0 inches of snow to the close of the year for the State—as much as frequently falls in a year, and more than twice that of the same period 1910. At the close of December however, the stored depth over the headwaters of the San Juan and Northwest drainage area, in New Mexico, was small, and the outlook not encouraging. Much better conditions existed over the Rio Grande, especially over the western slopes of the Sangre de Cristo, where deep snow remained intact. With a fair amount during the remaining winter months, this should assure a late summer flow. Very favorable conditions also existed in the southwest over the headwaters of the Sacramento and Gila, and, in a lesser degree, the Mimbres. Rains have aided greatly in giving much soil moisture in this region.

Deep snow occurred over most of the Canadian watershed, greatest, however, over the plateau and eastern plains region, so that the stored depth over the eastern slopes of the Sangre de Cristo, the Cimarron, and Raton ranges is generally small, and conditions are not so favorable. It is hoped later snowfall will compensate for this.

The headwaters of the Pecos are better covered, and in the southeast mountain areas much greater depth is reported than usual, giving promise of abundant water for the lower Pecos and tributary streams.

Altogether, the outlook for the State is far better than at the close of 1910.

For sale.—70 egg Cyphers in cubator in first class condition.—Mrs. Ira Allmon. w-1

Mr. Akers and children, who live northeast of town came in today after a visit with relatives in Texas.

Gen. Chas. F. Easley returned to Santa Fe on today's train.

## STATE CAPITAL NEWS

Santa Fe, N. M., Jan. 22.—Governor McDonald has asked no one for his resignation thus far. This is not saying that he does not expect resignations. In fact he rather looks for such a billet-doux from Warden Cleofes Romero, during the next few days, and has about made up his mind who shall be the successor of Warden Romero, as well as of Traveling Auditor John Joerns, although great pressure is being brought upon him from very close friends, urging him to change his mind. But Governor McDonald is anything but vacillating and unless very good reasons are advanced, his present determination will stick. Governor McDonald is also likely to announce his choice for adjutant general this week. The fight has narrowed down to the present incumbent, General A. S. Brookes, who has made a splendid record and is a soldier and organizer, every inch of him, and Captain M. S. Murray of Roswell, who has the advantage of being a democrat and having the strong Pecos valley backing.

Warden Romero has declared that he is ready to resign and will resign as soon as he receives a formal invitation to do so. There is every indication therefore, that there will soon be a meeting of the minds, as the lawyers would say, on this proposition.

"I expect the resignation of Mr. Joerns," said the governor, "because that official must work in close connection with the chief executive and co-operation under the present arrangement, would not be possible. I am not playing politics, but deem a change advisable as a matter of good business policy and for the benefit of New Mexico. As to the matter of a superintendent for the penitentiary, I feel sure that Mr. Romero will see the advantage of tendering his resignation when it is asked for."

"I am not prejudiced against any person for political reasons. Too many have been, to my knowledge, active against me in the last election, yet I propose to lay all partisan matters aside and work with them when that is possible. I shall make no changes on political grounds. The democratic state central committee has made no recommendations and I have asked none."

"I shall appoint an adjutant general within the next few days, but prefer not to make the appointment public until official action has been taken."

Mr. Joerns is giving the matter of his resignation careful consideration but in the

absence of an official call to vacate the office he refuses to say what action he would take. It is certain, however, that Governor McDonald has given his reason for expecting a change in the traveling auditor's office personally to Mr. Joerns, and that an extended delay would mean official action in the matter on the part of the governor.

## Tucumcari Bank Quits

The International Bank and Trust Co. at Tucumcari closed its doors Jan. 22. The usual statement that "it is believed the bank will be able to pay all depositors in full" is made, which means what you wish about it.

No cause is assigned for the suspension.

The bank holds individual deposits amounting to approximately \$141,000, with \$8,000 of state funds. The state is secured by a \$30,000 bond given by a Kansas City surety company which amply protects it against any loss. It is also understood that the county is amply secured.

The management of the bank has recently changed, W. S. Buchanan retiring as president and being succeeded by A. E. Carter, who resigned as postmaster to accept the presidency of the institution. It is understood that C. H. Chenault, recently under investigation, for alleged shortage in his accounts as county treasurer, is a heavy stockholder in the institution.

## Crop Report

The government report for December gives the following yields per acre of New Mexico crops for the year 1911:

Barley 23 bushels, potatoes 80 bushels, hay 2.60 tons, oats 38.8 bushels, winter wheat 25 bushels, spring wheat 20.5 bushels, corn 24.7 bushels. There are other states that beat us, of course, but it is a very good showing for a new state, and considering the fact that a very large percentage of the acreage is in the "dry land" class.

Our newsboy, Lincoln Chavez is having some bad spells with his case of whooping cough, and was unable to deliver the papers yesterday evening. This was not learned in time to find a substitute and so subscribers did not get their papers until this morning. We hope Lincoln will soon get the better of his enemy.

Judge Albert F. Reynolds of Albuquerque arrived to day and is holding court in place of Judge Medler.

## Announcement

I have bought the News, and come to Estancia in the hope that I may be able to make a living, and make friends of the people now here and to come hereafter.

I believe that there is a great future for this valley, but also believe that it is going to take lots of work and a pull all together to make that great future a near one. I shall do my share of that work to the best of my ability.

There will be no radical change in the policy of the News. It will be independent in politics. The men who can see nothing but good in one party and nothing but bad in another are getting scarcer day by day, and the newspaper of the same class is entirely out of date.

The principal energies of this paper will be devoted to giving the news—living up to its name, and boosting for Torrance county and every town and neighborhood in it.

I solicit your patronage, and will endeavor to deserve it.

Sincerely,  
J. A. CONSTANT.

## Supreme Court in Session

The supreme court convened in Santa Fe the 22nd with Chief Justice C. J. Roberts, and Associate Justices Richard H. Hanna and Frank W. Parker present.

The first matter taken up was the Owen-Van Stone election contest, which involves the right of Mr. Van Stone to a seat on the state corporation commission. Both principals in the case were present when court opened. Mr. Van Stone is represented by Neil B. Field of Albuquerque; Mr. Owen by Judge H. D. Terrell, while Hon. B. Catron appears for George W. Armijo who has filed a petition in intervention. The day's proceedings were confined to arguments on preliminary motions.

The ballot boxes in the counties of McKinley and Luna are now in the hands of the secretary of state. This was according to the stipulation of the official canvassing board when it rendered its decision which threw out the votes cast for "Sol" Owen and which gave Mr. Van Stone the office of corporation commissioner.

Mrs. A. J. Green will entertain the Ladies Aid Society of the Methodist church at the home of Mrs. N. D. Meyer on January 31st.

FOR SALE—Piano, typewriter, chiffonier, bedstead, springs, 2 mattresses, kitchen cabinet, table, kitchen utensils, etc. Call at office. Dr. W. E. Sunderland.

## Call for Bids

State of New Mexico, 1 ss.  
County of Torrance.

Notice is hereby given that bids must be filed with the County Clerk and Ex-Officio Clerk of the District Court on or before the fifteenth day of February, 1912.

The lowest and successful bidder will make a contract with the board of county com. for filings and other work which might be necessary to be done in the office of the Court house.

Bids must be sealed and delivered to the County Clerk so that the report may be given to the county commissioners for their action at the time above specified.

By order of the board of the county commissioners on the 17th day of January 1912.

Manuel Sanchez, Jr.  
County Clerk and Ex-Officio.  
Clerk of the District Court.

## Get Your Mail

Beginning next Sunday the general delivery at the postoffice will be open after the noon train only and will not be open in the evening as heretofore.

Dr. Sunderland has sold out and will leave in about two weeks for New York, where he intends to take special post graduate work for a year or more, after which he will make plans as to future location and work. He has been here a number of years and has had a very successful practice. His numerous friends will be sorry to part with him. He will be succeeded by Dr. Weiderlander, who comes highly recommended as a practitioner and gentleman. Mrs. Weiderlander, who is also a physician, has been here several weeks, and her husband will be here in a few days.

Josiah Perkins, Geo. Donn, Charles Noble and John Griffin convicted yesterday in the so called Mountainair case, we understand will ask for new trial.

John Dunn, Joiner and Lee, have not been apprehended and were not tried.

## NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Department of the Interior  
U. S. Land Office at Santa Fe, N. M.  
Jan. 22, 1912.

Act of June 11, 1906. List No. ---  
Notice is hereby given that Alfredo Chavez, of Tajique, N. M., who, on Jan. 8, 1912, made Homestead Entry, No. 03196, for s 1-2 ss 1-4, Section 25, Township 7N, Range 6E, N. M. P. Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make Final Five Year Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Probate Clerk, at Estancia, N. M. on the 4th day of March, 1912.

Claimant names as witnesses:

Jesus Candelaria, Manuel Gonzales Prudencio Zamora, Daniel Chavez, all of Tajique, N. M. 1-26-5-1  
MANUEL R. OTERO, Register.